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JUST ARRIVED a large Consignment
of ENGLISH MADE RIFLES, &c.
Monthly payment system can be arranged.
THE EASTERN CYCLE CO.,
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Hongkong, November 13, 1906. 2193

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JAPANESE LADY desires Position as
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Apply Miss YAMASHITA,
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Hongkong, November 12, 1906. 2186

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Done on Silk, or not, as desired.
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Hongkong, November 12, 1906. 2185

TO HOTEL PROPRIETORS.
HOTEL Manager and Managers,
ENGLISH, REQUIRE ENGAGE-
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Thorough practical knowledge of Hotel
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its branches. Home and Foreign ex-
perience.
At present employed in Ceylon.
A list of Advertisers testimonials to be
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Answer, with full particulars to
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Care of "China Mail" Office,
Hongkong, October 2, 1906. 2186

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
REDUCTION IN PRICES.
WE beg to notify our Customers and
the Public generally that LARGE
REDUCTIONS have been made in our
PRICES to adjust them to the rate of
exchange now ruling. These Reductions
will come into force on the 15th NOVEMBER,
1906, and the discount of 5% hitherto
allowed will cease from that date.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, November 10, 1906. 2177

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
REDUCTION IN PRICES.
FROM November 15th, we are making
a CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION in
the PRICES of Patent Medicines, Wines
and Spirits, &c., and the five per cent
discount allowed will be discontinued.
New Price Lists will be issued shortly.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
PREPARED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
HONGKONG, November 10, 1906. 2180

Business Notices.

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LONDON.

PULSOMETER
PUMPS
WATER-SOFTENING PLANTS
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SOLE AGENTS: W. S. BAILEY & CO.,
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HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO
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Hongkong-Canton Line.

s.s. POWAN, 2,338 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.
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s.s. KINSHAN, 1,995 tons, Captain J. J. Lossius.

Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).

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These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the line. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

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s.s. HONAM, 2,383 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.

Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 9 p.m. Sunday Special Ex-
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Second Departure about 7.30 p.m. On Sundays at 3 p.m. (See Special Express).

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s.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7.30 a.m.
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JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVI-
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s.s. SAINAM, 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.

s.s. NANING, 588 tons, Captain A. McKinnon.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday
and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days
at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin
accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

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SALE OF H. M. S. PHOENIX.

TENDERS for the SALE of the above
Vessel as she lies all standing at
Kowloon Canton Dock will be received
by the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H. M. NAVAL
YARD, Hongkong, up till Noon on the
30th November. The purchaser will be
required to remove and break up the vessel
within a reasonable time, and will be called
upon to deliver to the Naval Yard the
ship's Boilers and Anchors.

Intending purchasers can inspect the
vessel on and after the 17th inst., on ap-
plication during Yard working hours.

The highest tender will not necessarily
be accepted.

The particulars of the Ship are as
follows:
Steel Twin Screw coppered Sloop of 185
feet length 32' 6" beam Displacement
1050 tons, fitted with Vertical Triple Ex-
pansion Engines.

Further information and particulars as to
sale to be obtained on application to the
Naval Store Officer, H. M. NAVAL
YARD, Hongkong.

Hongkong, November 8, 1906. 2184

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
BUILDING ORDINANCE
COMMISSION.

TAKE NOTICE that a Commission has
been appointed to enquire into and
report on the following matters viz. —

1. Whether the administration of the
sanitary and Building Regulations
enacted by the Public Health and
Buildings Ordinance, 1905, as now
carried out is satisfactory, and if not,
what improvements can be made.

2. Whether any irregularity or corrup-
tion exists or has existed among the
officials charged with the adminis-
tration of the aforesaid Regulation.

The Commission earnestly invites the
inhabitants of Hongkong and Kowloon to
co-operate with them by forwarding any
complaint they may have to make or sug-
gestion to offer in connection with the
matters aforesaid to the Underigned.

Any person examined as a witness in the
enquiry aforesaid who in the opinion of the
Commissioners makes a full and true dis-
closure touching all the matters in respect
of which he is examined will receive a
certificate from the Commission which will
protect the witness against any civil or
criminal proceedings which may be in-
stituted against such witness in respect
of any matter touching which he has been
examined.

By Order:
W. DOWEN-ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 7, 1906. 2173

TUITION.
MR. L. A. DE GRACA has discovered a
New Method which enables him to
teach the Mandarins or Bannos in six
months. Also gives Lessons in Violin and
Guitar. Terms moderate. Address 53,
ELGIN STREET.

Hongkong, October 29, 1906. 2204

MARINE INSURANCE.

I have This Day Established myself in
SHANGHAI as a V. & A. G. E.
ADJUSTER and am prepared to under-
take the adjustment of General and Particu-
lar Average and other Claims.

Telegraphic and Postal Address:
WADMAN SHANGHAI.

H. P. WADMAN,
Corresponding Associate,
Association of Average Adjusters,
Great Britain.

Hongkong, November 2, 1906. 2184

DENTAL SURGEON
G. DE PEINIDORGE.

DIPLOMA: PARIS.

LATEST IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING
PORCELAIN FILLINGS

HOTEL MANSIONS,
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, June 1, 1906. 1149

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCHANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1905,
£1,837,111.

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000

—Subscribed Capital £2,760,000

—Paid-up Capital £2,487,500 0 0

—Fire Funds £3,888,729 19 8

—Life & Annuity Funds £13,762,898 8 6

£17,837,111 8 1

Life & Annuity £2,061,044 19 8

Branches £1,713,808 19 10

£3,774,853 19 8

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
Life Departments are free from liability in
respect of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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CARLTON HOUSE HOTELS,

No. 8 and 10, Ice House Road.

EXCELLENT FURNISHED ROOMS.

COMFORT OF RESIDENTS AND THE COUSINE A SPECIALTY.

FOR TERMS APPLY TO THE MANAGER.

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YEE SHING.

ESTABLISHED 1888.

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MAKER.

No. 152, 2nd Floor,
DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 7, 1906. 2157

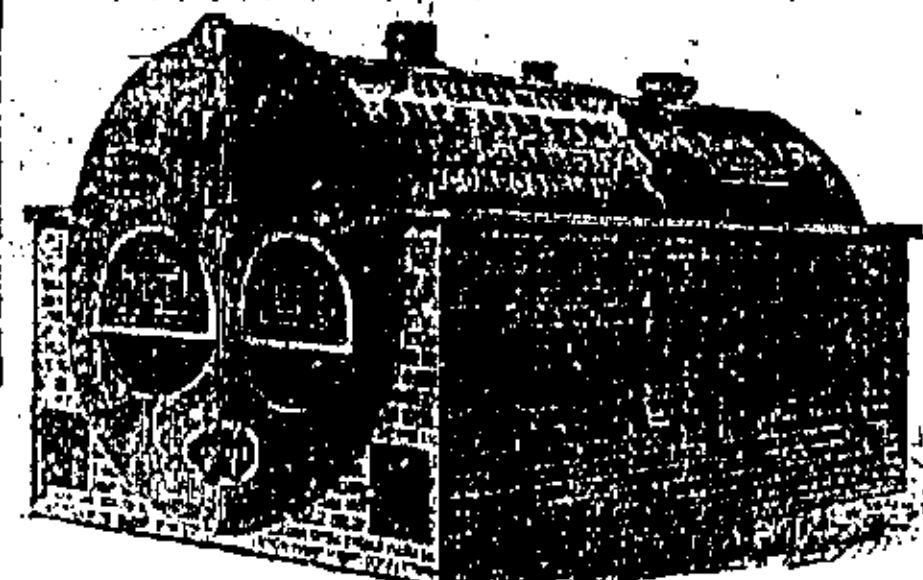
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WITH

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ESTIMATES GIVEN
FOR WORK FINISHED COMPLETED.

OR SUPPLIED IN
Bags of 1 cwt. each.

Office: 6, DES VOUX ROAD.

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NOW SHOWING IN THE
LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

TWEED COSTUMES, EVENING
ROBES, SILK and
MOIRETTE UNDERSKIRTS.

SILK BLOUSES

NEW MODELS IN

TRIMMED MILLINERY.

GOLF CAPS AND JERSEYS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 22, 1906. 2040

NEW CHRISTMAS MOUNTS.

A Splendid Collection to choose from. Your photo mounted on
one of our New Mounts will make the best

XMAS CARD FOR THOSE AT HOME.

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER,
Ice House Street.

Hongkong, November 6, 1906. 1178

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LONDON HOUSE

Closing Sale must be Finished by 15th Dec.

HATS, FLOWERS, CORSETS, BLOUSES, etc.

ALL GOING FAR BELOW COST PRICE.

Hongkong, November 1, 1906. 2120

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED,
(IN LIQUIDATION).

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15
p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT OARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL OARS by Arrangement at the
Company's Office, ALXANDER BONDAGES,
Des Voux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, August 27, 1906. 1861

Business Notices.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD

PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net, \$4.50 per Cask, ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net, \$2.70 per Bag, ex Factory.

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL MANAGERS,

2855

BALL SEASON, 1906.

FAIRALL & CO.

New Novelties in Dress Materials, Trimmings, &c.

SILK BLOUSES.

New Models of Evening Coats, &c.

A NEW ASSORTMENT OF KID GLOVES.

SHOES FOR DAY AND EVENING WEAR.

7 & 9, Pedder Street.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

UNRIVALLED FOR COMFORT AND COUSINE.

THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY

MODERATE TERMS AND NO EXTRAS.

H. HAYNES, Manager.

HOTEL BALTIMORE LATE HOTEL AMERICA

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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL under European Management. NICELY FURNISHED.

AIRY ROOMS, EVERY COMFORT FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

EXCELLENT COUSINE. Three minutes' walk from the Ferry Wharf.

TERMS REASONABLE. Apply to THE MANAGER.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW SHIPMENT OF

CONFECTIONERY.

Chocolate Almonds and Creams, Chocolate Biscuits,

Mexican and Milk Chocolate.

PASCALI'S BUTTER SCOTCH AND TOFFEE.

RICHMOND MIXTURE. BURNED ALMONDS.

Sugared Almonds. Mixed Fruit Pastilles.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES IN FANCY BOXES.

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TYPEWRITERS

WITH ALL REQUISITES.

SIEMSEN & CO.,

SOLE AGENTS.

Hongkong, March 2, 1906. 449

W. BREWER & CO

NEW ADDRESS:

PEDDER STREET—UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL

(ADJOINING MAIN ENTRANCE).

The White Plume of Navarre, by ... 13.50

Crockett ... 8.75

Students Hygiene, by Evans ... 2.50

Benita, by Rider Haggard ... 1.07

BY ENGLISH MAIL.

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS: Illus. London News,

Graphic, Holly Leaves, Pears' Annual.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME MAILS.

JAPANESE CARDS AND CALENDARS. CHINESE RICE CARDS, &c.

10 PER DISCOUNT.

WE beg to announce that, in consequence of the

further rise in exchange, our prices will, from

the 1st NOVEMBER until further notice, be subject to

a DISCOUNT OF TEN PER CENT (10%)

instead of the Five per cent (5%) hitherto given.

Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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CLIFFORD-WILKINSON

Mineral Water Co., Ltd.,

THE VANDERBILT WATER

For Sale at 10/-

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GINGER ALE

Reports Testify That

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THE VANDERBILT WATER

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13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

POWELL'S

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS

FIRST-CLASS

DRESSMAKING

and

FASHIONABLE

MILLINERY.

REASONABLE CHARGES.

POWELL'S

HONGKONG.

REFORM IN CHINA.

BEING a letter addressed to Rear Admiral Lord CHARLES BURGESS, U.B. M.P. And an article in reply to CHINA: 'THE SLEEP AND AWAKENING.'

To be had in pamphlet form at the 'CHINA MAIL' Office, 5, Wyndham Street.

Price One Dollar

THE BACK DOOR.

A SKETCH OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

Reprinted from the 'CHINA MAIL.'

To be had at the 'CHINA MAIL' Office, 5, Wyndham Street.

Price \$1.00

SAVOY

White Kid.

Gloves

\$1.25

For Fair

THE SAVOY, LTD.

13, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE OVERLAND

CHINA MAIL.

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

TELEGRAMS,

LOCAL NEWS,

etc., etc.

THE BEST PAPER FOR POSTING TO FRIENDS AT HOME.

To be obtained at 'The China Mail' Office, 5 Wyndham Street.

XMAS GIFTS.

JUST received a Large and Fine assortment of JAPANESE XMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS, AND CALENDARS, &c. Most Suitable for Posting to Europe. Prices Very Moderate. Inspection Solicited.

I. NAKAZAWA.

7, D'AGUILAR STREET, Hongkong, October 24, 1906. 2052

THE WELDON HOUSE, LIMITED.

ARE SHOWING DRESS GOODS for the present season, HATS (Paris Model) of the latest fashion, SWATOW DRAWN-THREAD WORK and a Fine Selection of TRIMMINGS just received from PARIS.

Every Convenience in the DRESSMAKING DEPARTMENT. HATS remodelled and made to Order. INSPECTION CORDIALLY INVITED.

10, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 24, 1906. 2061

PARIS TOILET CO.

12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

FIRST CLASS

Ladies & Gentlemen's

Hairdressing Saloons.

ELECTRIC

ACE & SCALP

MASSAGES

JO SEISS KOLB.

10, D'AGUILAR STREET, Hongkong, October 17, 1906. 2051

WATSON'S

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SCOTCH

WHISKY.

\$15.00...Per Case.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, October 18, 1906.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

11.30 a.m.—Auction of Japanese Water-closets, at 14, Queen's Road Central, 2nd Floor.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Lightning undelivered after 2 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

Friday, November 10.—Goods per Formosa not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Saturday, November 17.—11 a.m.—Auction of 142 Bales Printing Paper, at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Godown No. 17, Kowloon.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sale Rooms.

Sunday, November 18.—Goods per Formosa undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Monday, November 19.—11 a.m.—Meeting of Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.

Goods per Formosa undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Goods per Formosa undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1906

ORGANISED AND

MANAGED BY

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1906

The existence in Hongkong of societies such as that of St Vincent de Paul and similar institutions should be met with great regret. When a citizen contributes to the funds of any of the societies which have been formed for the specific purpose of relieving the distressed he is justified in feeling that he has done his duty and has paid a premium which should insure him from the importunities of the casual street beggar. Unfortunately he gains no such immunity. As we have pointed out over and over again beggars are permitted to station themselves at certain vantage points in the city where they lay toll upon the thoughtless passer by who, with mistaken kindness, drops a ten-cent piece into their expectant hands and goes on his way thinking that he has done a good action. It may be that in some cases the action is good and that real distress is relieved, but in the majority of instances the recipient is a bold-faced impostor who, notwithstanding his apparent misery, makes an excellent living out of the bounty of the carelessly charitable. The money which is thus in too many instances thrown away aggregates in the year to a fairly considerable sum. If it were given to the Society of St Vincent de Paul it would be expended judiciously and much more real good would result. That Society makes it its business to investigate each case and it relieves those who from a highly creditable shame suffer in silence and do not parade their poverty or their physical infirmities in the highways and by-ways. The contributor to its funds has a guarantee that the money he hands over to the society to expend will be really usefully employed; the promiscuous giver has no such guarantee. Promiscuous giving necessarily perpetuates the system of street begging. So long as carelessness and indifference leads people to reward the whines of the professional beggars with small coin so long will these eye-sores remain in our streets. This is not the only ill effect. The amount of money that is thus unsystematically devoted to charity may be said to come out of the funds of the societies which afford relief in directions where it does lasting good. A moment's reflection will show that the sum of money which the community is annually prepared to devote to charitable purposes is fixed and that the doing out of a few cents here and there by individuals reduces the annual sum available for genuine relief by exactly the amount of the individual donations. This is a matter, of course, which is entirely in the hands of the people themselves. There can be no compulsion brought to bear to force them to give wisely and well but no harm can be done by pointing out the results of continuing the existing

happy-go-lucky system of rewarding impertunity. Meanwhile the officials of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Rev. G. H. McNair, who is this year looking after the Canton lepers, and others who are doing work the benefit and usefulness of which is obvious are appealing for funds. The appeal should meet with a warm response and the amount donated is augmented at the expense of the professional mendicants as much as the better.

Great steps from little causes spring said some sapient observer of things a long time since and the Socialists of France are learning that there is wisdom in the assertion. A weekly day of rest has been ordered in France but as the Government is not playing sports with the Church it declines to honour the Sabbath in particular. Apparently such trade has the right of selecting the day it wishes to keep as a holiday and the bankers selected Monday. They decided to work until noon on Sunday and not to recommence until Tuesday morning. Consequently on Monday Paris has to eat stale bread. Great excitement has been caused among the Parisians by this act and the Socialists are generated as it was that party which secured the passing of the law. Here is the germ of a great political revolution. The day after tomorrow will be a plenary session for the Socialists who held out the glittering promise of a country happy in the lighter taxation and general leniency that would follow the establishment of a Socialistic regime. But the intangible visions, beautiful though they may be, are forgotten when the stern reality of stale bread has to be faced. The indignant citizens are no doubt demanding to know what would be the use of the millennium unless it was accompanied by fresh rolls. At the next election the Socialists will doubtless be routed by patriots who have reached the conclusion that nothing good can be expected from politicians who force them to eat plain rolls.

Periodically spiritualistic phenomena excites the public attention, a number of apparently inexplicable manifestations are recorded and then the matter drops out of sight. There is now in existence an *Occult Review* which supplies people who have a penchant for that kind of thing with plenty of "creaky" matter. In the October number in an article entitled "More Glimpses of the Unseen" readers are told of "Spectral ploys with staring eyes, and monstrous ape-like ghosts with human faces, and of revolting hideousness and weird, blood-curdling laughs." The ordinary healthy-minded person would conclude that it was not worth while performing the paradox of taking glimpses at the unseen if only this sort of nightmare is to be witnessed. Another writer solemnly propounds the theory that there are ghosts of evil smells. The smell of stables and tobacco is a spot where Queen Elizabeth hunted over three hundred years ago is, she states, still there! Archdeacon Colley is among the few clergymen of the Church of England who profess an implicit belief in spiritualistic phenomena. So satisfied was he of the genuineness of certain manifestations he witnessed that he offered Maskelyne, the well-known London "magician," £1000 if the latter could reproduce the manifestations by trickery. Maskelyne eagerly accepted the challenge and in due course reproduced such a celestial visitant as had been designated and, so are told, a most attractive young lady emerged from the smoke which filled the room in which the test was held. Although Maskelyne fulfilled his part satisfactorily the Archdeacon has not shown any burning anxiety to pay over the money and the case will probably be heard of in the law courts. Notwithstanding the constant exposures in connection with spiritualism the mediums continue to flourish, which seems to support the cynical observation that every second another fool is born.

As a result of the concert given by the Portuguese community at the Lusitano Club on October 20 the typhoon relief fund benefited to the extent of \$947.55.

A WORD TO TRAVELLERS.

The excitement incident to travelling and change of food and water often brings on indigestion and for this reason one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by all chemists and druggists.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The hardy annuals are coming. We have received the "Imperial" English and Chinese Date Book, an excellent thing for the home or the shop. It is printed and sold by Messrs Kelly and Walsh, and gives 1907 dates in both languages.

A marine court of inquiry is to be held at the Harbour Office on Friday next, commencing at 9 p.m., regarding the stranding of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's steamer "Kinslan," which took place during the typhoon of September 18.

We have received from Messrs Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. a sample of Sir Robert Burnett and Co.'s "Old Tom" Gin. Knowing the reputation Messrs Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. has for supplying good wines and spirits, we feel sure consumers will find this brand of "Old Tom" to be one of the best.

The Christmas Number of the *Gazette* once more comes to hand and amuse. It is beautifully got up; it contains illustrations including works of art. There are many of them as well as poems and a story by such authors as W. L. Alden, Arnold Bennett, J. B. Houshelle Burton, Mrs. Stepanov, Lawson, and other well known writers, with verses by Sir Lewis Morris and Egan Mow. Illustrations are contributed by such popular artists as Arthur Rackham and Frank Craig, and the number is exceptionally strong in humorous papers by John Hassall, Reginald Claver, C. F. Brock and H. M. Brock, H. Rowland, Edmund Dulac, Chad Croucher, and Frank Galt. The Christmas Number, which will be published on November 26, is, as usual, illustrated throughout in colours, and accompanying it are two magnificent Coloured Plates, "The 17th Lancers in the Charge of the Light Brigade, at Balaklava," from the picture by John Charlton, and "The Belvedere in Paris," a charming study of a young girl by J. J. Jack.

Another Suicide.

Yet another case of suicide was reported to the police this morning. In this case the victim was a Chinese student named Yuen Wo Cheun, who took his own life by opium poisoning last night at No. 41 Gage Street. The deceased was a well-to-do man with plenty of ready money. Ill-health is supposed to be the cause for his suicide.

An Opium Smuggler.

A coolie named Chan Hop was fined \$800, with the alternative of five months' imprisonment, at the Magistrate's court this morning for having 31 loafs of prepared opium in his possession. The Chief Excise officer stated that the defendant was apparently a professional smuggler. He had only been out of goal for a few days, after serving a sentence of three months for a similar offence, when he was caught on a steamer with this large quantity of opium in his possession. Defendant had the opium tied round his body in bags.

Alleged Manslaughter.

Galan Sher, described as a watchman on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was charged at the Magistrate's court this morning with the manslaughter of a coolie named Ng Fuk, at Muk Hong Ham, near Yumati, on the 13th instant. It was stated that the coolie was yesterday driving a pig past where the accused was on duty and after some words the watchman threw a stone at the pig. This brought about a quarrel in which, it is alleged, the deceased was struck on the spleen by the accused. The coolie was attended to but died shortly afterwards. The case was remanded for a week.

Stealing Water.

Mr. J. W. Kew, manager of the Steam Water Boat Company, charged a Chinese boatman, at the Magistrate's court this morning, with stealing a quantity of water from one of the company's water-boats. Mr. Kew stated that the water-boat was alongside a steamer in the harbour supplying her with water when he saw the defendant dip a bucket into the water-boat's tank and take some water out. The company had a good deal of trouble with the boat people who stole the water and frightened the passengers into saying nothing about it. Defendant was sentenced, by Mr. F. A. Hazell, to seven days' imprisonment with four hours in the stocks.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Excellency the Governor is, we are glad to learn, progressing favourably and the doctor in attendance is quite satisfied with the progress being made.

To-morrow evening at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., the Rev. C. H. Hickling will give an illustrated lecture on the subject, "Some people and places I have seen in Europe." The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock and the members and friends of the Association are invited.

LAME BACK.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the balm thoroughly at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

ROYAL COURTESIES.

NORWAY'S RU ERS IN E GLAND.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, November 13.

King Hunkon VII and Queen Maud of Norway have arrived at Portsmouth and will proceed to Windsor on a State visit.

MORE BOMBS.

A MAN ATTACKED.

Assassin Shot.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, November 13.

A bomb was thrown at the Mayor of Moscow, M. Rainoff, whilst he was in one of the most fashionable thoroughfares of the city.

The Mayor escaped unhurt, and a policeman shot at the assassin and killed him.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

Action by Bishops.

LONDON, November 12.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has transmitted to Sir Edward Grey a memorial, signed by the Anglican Bishops in China, protesting against the policies of Great Britain and India in respect to opium.

Sir Edward Grey in reply, referred to what Mr. Morley said on the question, on the 11th May last, and added that no official communication had been received from the Chinese Government about the anti-opium edict or about a Government monopoly of opium.

THE BOER RAID.

LONDON, November 12.

The Governor of the Cape has telegraphed to the German-Governor of Damara-land, asking for his co-operation in ensuring freebooters if they recross the border in view of the extradition charges of theft and murder.

Mr. Ferraan's raid is generally regarded as an unsupported filibustering expedition.

A VILLAGE BULLY.

Rent Collectors in Trouble.

Collecting Crown rents in the outlying districts of the New Territory and on the islands outside of the harbour is often a very difficult task and the officials entrusted with the task have to resort to all sorts of expedients to induce the Chinese to part with the money. When every other excuse fails to avoid payment the owner of the property is never to be found, until at last the rent collectors, driven to extremes, are compelled to seize the standing crops and put men in to cut them down, or to lay hold of a pig or anything else of value that comes handy. Then the Chinese can always find the money, which they had protected a few minutes earlier that they had no means of raising. Such an incident occurred on Lamma Island a few days ago when Sergeant Kerr and a party of police were out rent collecting. At one village no one could be found who would pay the rent for a piece of ground, and as there were no crops or anything else that the officers could seize upon they took a blanket and a clock to hold until the \$1.50 owing was forthcoming. The owner's brother then turned up and followed the police to the next village using most insulting language and calling them thieves and pirates. The man became so abusive that Sergeant Kerr ordered one of the *luchangs* to arrest him but as the task proved too much for the latter Sergeant Boulger had to go to his assistance. The man was taken on board the police launch to come to Hongkong but no sooner was he liberated on the launch than he made a dash over the side for the shore and was only got on board again with a great deal of trouble. He was then handcuffed to a station and was, at the Magistrate's court this morning, charged with behaving in a disorderly manner. Inspector Kerr asked Mr. Malbourne to inflict a heavy penalty as the man was a village bully and always boasted of what he could do with the police. Mr. Malbourne, however, only imposed a fine of \$5, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

FROM THE ANTILLES.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY BENEFITS A CITY COUNCILMAN AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

MR. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle. For sale by all chemists and druggists."

